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43rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

ELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

At the 43rd Annual Board of Trustees' Meeting of the Temperance League of New Jersey, held in the Central Presbyterian Church, Newark, N.J., Monday, January 29, 1951, the Rev. Brown McDonald of West Virginia was unanimously elected Superintendent of the League. Mr. McDonald graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary and did graduate work at the Univsity of Pennsylvania. He has served as pastor of Baptist Churches in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Since 1946 he has been Educational Director of The Temperance League of West Virginia. Mr. McDonald was in attendance at the Annual Meeting and gave a brief message at the evening session. He will assume his new duties April 1st. He is well equipped to do the all-important work among the youth groups of the state, because of his wide experience in church work and the educational field of other states.

BROWN McDONALD

The main speaker of the Convention was the Rev. Clifford J. Earle, author of " Alcohol and People" and Associate Secretary of the Division of Social Education and Action of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Earle conducted a Forum based on his book in the afternoon and gave the main address of the evening. Mrs. Paul J. Christner, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey and the Rev. Lawrence Sutherland, Superintendent of the Goodwill Home and Rescue Mission, Newark, were also afternoon speakers, Dr. Edward B. Dunford, attorney for the National Temperance League, Washington, D.C., spoke for that organization at the Dinner, which was largely attended by delegates and trustees from all over the state. The President, Mr. Walter R. Pruden, gave a very comprehensive report of the League's work for 1950. Dr. George G. Hollingshead, the Treasurer, showed that the League was in better financial condition than it was in January 1950. An increased Budget was adopted to meet the expanding work.

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ANNUAL MEETING - Continued

Resolutions which were passed briefly covered these important points:

1 - The League's stand for total abstinence as the only solution to the problem of alcoholism was reaffirmed.

2 - It's educational program will be continued, especially among youth groups.

3 - Everything possible will be done in an effort to ban the advertising of alcoholic beverages.

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What a man is means more to his happiness than what he has.

Is Your Church Pulling Forward or Backward?

UNITED EFFORT

In New Jersey the majority of churches approve of the program of the Temperance League of New Jersey. This number has been increasing over the years until during 1950 there were 447 church organizations supporting our program, some in a small way, others more substantially as their Budgets will allow. 81 of these contributed for the first time last year. The church as a whole should have a definite part in the education of its youth regarding the evil effects of the use of beverage alcohol.

Much as we need financial help, this is only a means to an end - the program is the important thing, which of course cannot be carried on without the necessary finances.

There are several ways a church can assist in this work; namely,

1 - Arrange for a League Program in your church
2 - Assist in securing openings for visual aid programs in your public schools
3 - Create sentiment in your community for a Local Option Election on one of the questions contained in our State Local Option Law
4 - If you have not already done so - put us in your Budget.

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Doctor William Brady, well known medical columnist, says that the social drunk is courting cirrhosis of the liver.

LEADERS - PAST AND PRESENT

February is the birthday month of two of our outstanding Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

On March 25, 1776 George Washington issued the following order - "All officers of the Continental Army are enjoined to assist the Civil Magistrates in the execution of their duty and to promote peace and good order. They are to prevent as much as possible the soldiers from frequenting tippling houses."

Abraham Lincoln said - " The Liquor Traffic has defenders but no defense." Again, when a committee of Springfield, Ill. citizens called at his home after he had been nominated for President, to discuss arrangements for receiving the committee on notification, he said, "Boys I never had a drop of liquor in my whole life and I don't want to begin now."

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Governor Youngdahl, of Minnesota, says; " I Do Not Drink. This is my policy because I find life filled with so many challenging tasks and demands. To meet them, I must have the full benefit of all my spiritual, mental and physical capacities at all times. I have never found a need for the so-called 'lift' of intoxica. I need no 'pick-up' to enjoy myself wholeheartedly at a social gathering. Nor do I require it to relax from strenuous duties. To me, the exhilaration of out-door life, the joy of good music, the companionship of family and friends, the comfort of religious faith provide lasting sources of happiness with which liquor does not mix." -

From "Listen"

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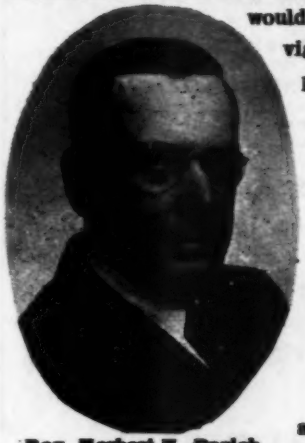
Annapolis, Jan. 11 -- Governor McKeldin, who moved in the Executive Mansion January 10th, banned all liquor from the Executive Mansion of the State of Maryland.

DRUNKEN DRIVING HITS NEW PEAK SINCE 1937 IN N.J.

State Motor Vehicle officials reported on January 18th that 1547 New Jersey motorists were convicted of drunken driving last year -- the highest total since 1937. This is also a 20% increase over 1949.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE

For sometime a committee, composed of representatives of the Temperance League of America and the National Temperance Movement, has been working on plans for a merger of these two organizations, with the hope that such action would make for a more vigorous national program. The merger was consummated at a Unifying Convention held in Des Moines in November, and the new organization offically assumed all the functions of both the previous organization as of January 1,1951 under the name of the National Temperance League, Inc. Offices will be maintained in Chicago and Washington, D.C. Rev. Herbert H. Parish was elected Director of Finance and Publications of the National Temperance League, and will be located in Chicago. Major Clayton M. Wallace will be Director of Public Relations and Field work, Washington, D.C.



Rev. Herbert H. Parish

Purpose of Organization as stated in the Constitution is - "A moral and scientific solution of the beverage alcohol problem in the United States, and through every effective means promote abstinence and group action to diminish and ultimately eliminate the traffic in alcoholic beverages and the evils arising there-from."

Major Clayton M. Wallace

RADIO TEMPERANCE PROGRAM

STATION WAWZ –

1380 ON YOUR DIAL –

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 6:30 – 7:15

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Social Evils Job of Church

We are not going to have a revival of religion in America until the church faces social evils like the liquor traffic. I am making an appeal to the churches of America. The solving of the liquor problem is primarily your job.

-RALPH CUSHMAN

WHY I ABSTAIN

I abstain for an unquestionable reason; namely, I desire to avoid completely any responsibility for causing, by example, my own children, or the sons and daughters of other parents, to become victims of alcoholism and all the other tragedies which result from the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Andred C. Ivy, Ph.D., M.D.

Total abstinence is easier to practice than moderate drinking.

MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbor's Bible;
He reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home;
Tomorrow in the street.

He may be relative or friend;
Or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name;
Yet he is reading me.

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Work without a spiritual motive just a weariness of the flesh.

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If you have any meanness in you, alcohol will bring it out.

WHAT REPEAL HAS DONE FOR AMERICA

The Bureau of the Census and the Department of Commerce figures show increases during the period - -

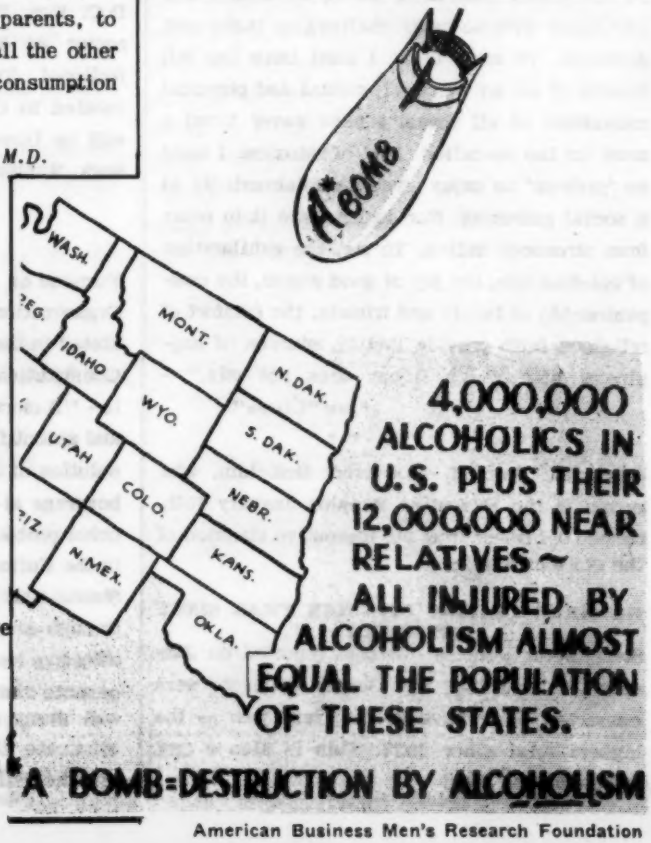
1934 - 1949

1 - Alcoholic Beverage consumption increased 154%.

2 - Expenditures for alcoholic beverages increased 323%.

3 - Hospital admissions of alcoholics without psychosis increased 73%.

"Drinking in moderation is not the solution of our liquor problem. It is the main cause of that problem." —Dr. Joy Elmer Morgan.



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